

limited by the foregoing description, but is only limited by the scope of the appended claims.

We claim:

1. A method for planning tasks comprising the steps of:
breaking a project into tasks;
selecting a tasking horizon;
5 selecting at least two verbs for at least one of said tasks;
receiving a predicted start date for said at least one task;
receiving an actual start date for said at least one task;
receiving one of said at least two verbs that corresponds to said actual start date;
comparing said predicted start date said actual start date; and
10 computing churn of said at least one task.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
classifying said received verb as employee dependent.
- 15 3. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
classifying said received verb as task dependent.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
classifying said received verb as environment dependent.
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5. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
computing a risk factor based at least in part on said computed churn.
6. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
25 computing a risk factor based at least in part on said received verb.

7. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
comparing said tasks of said project to previously performed tasks;
extracting previously performed task completion data; and
computing an expected task completion time based at least in part on said
5 previously performed task completion data.
8. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
comparing said tasks of said project to previously performed tasks;
extracting a risk factor associated with said previously performed tasks; and
10 computing an risk factor based at least in part on said extracted risk factor.
9. A method for planning tasks comprising the steps of:
breaking a project into multiple tasks, wherein there is at least a first task and a
second task;
15 selecting a tasking horizon;
selecting at least two verbs for said first task;
selecting at least two verbs for said second task;
assigning said first task to a first task assignment station;
assigning said second task to a second task assignment station;
20 receiving a predicted start date and a predicted completion data for said first task
from said first task assignment station;
receiving a predicted start date and a predicted completion data for said second
task from said second task assignment station;
receiving an actual start date and a verb for said first task;
25 receiving an actual start date and a verb for said second task;
computing churn of said first task;

computing churn of said second task;
computing a risk factor for said first task; and
computing a risk factor for said second factor.

- 5 10. An apparatus for planning task comprising:
- a management module for breaking a project into tasks, selecting a tasking
horizon and for assigning at least two verbs for at least one of said tasks;
- a task assignment station for receiving said at least one task and for entering a
predicted start date for said at least one task and for entering an actual start date;
- 10 wherein said management module and said task assignment station are
operationally connected and wherein said management module receives predicted start
date and said actual start date and computes a churn.